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<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> <p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
<p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">type of material<p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing <input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p>format of material<p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format <input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p>time of filing/furnishing<p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed. <input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p>	

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	5, 8	YES
	Claims	1-4, 6, 7, 9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 8-296171 A (Fukusuke Corporation), 12

November 1996

Document 2: JP 2003-105674 A (Nicca Chemical Co.), 9

April 2003

Document 1 (claims; paragraphs [0012], [0021] and [0025]) indicates that an insect-proofing solution obtained by mixing together an insect-proofing component such as phenothrin, an emulsifier such as a non-ionic surfactant or a solubilizing agent is used to treat fibers, and the insect-proofing component is retained on said fibers; and that simultaneously or subsequent to the treatment with the aforementioned insect-proofing solution, said fibers are treated with a binder such as polyacrylate. Phenothrin is the same substance as the 3-phenoxybenzyl chrysanthemate which is the ingredient for inducing the activity of disturbing harmful insect behaviour that is used in the embodiments of this application, therefore the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 4, 6, 7 and 9 lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.

Moreover, the feature wherein a substance "induces activity of disturbing harmful insect behavior" in the

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invention of this application merely discloses the function normally possessed by insect-proofing components, therefore this feature does not constitute a difference.

Document 2 (claims; paragraphs [0001], [0004], [0007] and [0010]) indicates that in order to provide a fiber product having durable antibacterial properties, a fiber product is treated with an antibacterial component, polycarboxylic acid such as polyacrylate, and a cross-linking agent such as a carbodiimide cross-linking agent; that the treatment agent is dissolved in water and used dispersed or in an emulsion; and that a non-ionic surfactant may be used as the emulsifying agent. It would therefore be easy for a person skilled in the art to have the binder set forth in document 1 contain a carbodiimide cross-linking agent in order to improve the ability of the fiber set forth in document 1 to retain the insect-proofing component.

Therefore the inventions set forth in claims 5 and 8 do not involve an inventive step.

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1. この見解書は次の内容を含む。

第I欄 見解の基礎
 第II欄 優先権
 第III欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解の不作成
 第IV欄 発明の単一性の欠如
 第V欄 PCT規則43の2.1(a)(i)に規定する新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解、それを裏付けるための文献及び説明
 第VI欄 ある種の引用文献
 第VII欄 国際出願の不備
 第VIII欄 国際出願に対する意見

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第I欄 見解の基礎

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2. この国際出願で開示されかつ請求の範囲に係る発明に不可欠なヌクレオチド又はアミノ酸配列に関して、
以下に基づき見解書を作成した。

a. タイプ 配列表
 配列表に関するテーブル

b. フォーマット 善面
 コンピュータ読み取り可能な形式

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4. 添足意見：

第V欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についてのPCT規則43の2.1(a)(i)に定める見解、それを裏付ける文献及び説明

1. 見解

新規性 (N) 請求の範囲 5, 8 有
 請求の範囲 1-4, 6, 7, 9 無

進歩性 (I S) 請求の範囲 有
 請求の範囲 1-9 無

産業上の利用可能性 (I A) 請求の範囲 1-9 有
 請求の範囲 無

2. 文献及び説明

文献1 : JP 8-296171 A (福助株式会社) 1996.11.12

文献2 : JP 2003-105674 A (日華化学株式会社) 2003.04.09

文献1 (特許請求の範囲, [0012], [0021], [0025]) には、フェノトリン等の防虫成分とともに、ノニオン系界面活性剤等の乳化剤又は可溶化剤を配合してなる防虫溶液を用いて纖維を処理し、該纖維に防虫成分を保持させること、及び、上記防虫溶液の処理と同時にしくはその後にポリアクリル酸等のバインダーを該纖維へ処理することが記載されている。フェノトリンは、本願の実施例において使用している害虫行動攪乱誘発剤である、3-フェノキシルベンジルクリサンテメートと同一の物質であるから、請求の範囲1-4, 6, 7, 9は、新規性及び進歩性を有しない。

なお、本願発明における「害虫の行動錯乱作用を誘発する」なる事項は、防虫成分が通常有している機能を単に明示したものにすぎないから、この点を相違点とすることはできない。

文献2 (特許請求の範囲, [0001], [0004], [0007], [0010]) には、耐久性のある抗菌性を有する纖維製品を提供するために、纖維製品を抗菌成分、ポリアクリル酸等のポリカルボン酸、及びカルボジイミド系架橋剤等の架橋剤で処理すること、並びに処理剤は水に溶解、乳化又は分散させて用いること、及び乳化剤としてノニオン性の界面活性剤が使用できることが記載されている。よって、文献1に記載された纖維の防虫成分の保持性を向上させるために、文献1に記載されたバインダーに、さらにカルボジイミド系架橋剤を含有させることは、当業者が容易になし得ることである。

よって、請求の範囲5, 8は、進歩性を有しない。